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PROCEEDINGS
OF
THE ROYAL GEOGRAPHICAL SOCIETY.

[ISSUED AUGUST 15TH, 1870.]

SESSION 1869-70.

Thirteenth Meeting (ANNIVERSARY), May 23rd, 1870.

SIR RODERICK I. MURCHISON, BART., K.C.B., PRESIDENT, in
the Chair.

THE meeting being honoured by the attendance of His Majesty the King of the Belgians, the President received him as one of the Honorary Members of the Society, and addressed the meeting as follows:—

“ Before the Secretary reads the minutes of the last Anniversary Meeting, I take the earliest opportunity of congratulating the Society on the auspicious fact, that on this day the good and enlightened King of the Belgians, an Honorary Associate of our body, has graciously come among us to take his seat and be admitted in person. We have the greater reason to rejoice in this gracious act when we know that, under His Majesty’s auspices, a Geographical Society is forming in Belgium on the model of our own.”

The President then admitted His Majesty according to the usual forms as a Member of the Society. His Majesty having remained till 2 o’clock, and having heard a portion of the Annual Address, expressed, before his departure, his gratification in belonging to so distinguished and useful a body.

The Byelaws relating to the Anniversary Meetings, and the Minutes of the last Annual Meeting, having been read, the President nominated, as Scrutineers of the Ballot about to take place, the Rev. J. Kennedy, M.A., and E. O. Tudor, Esq.

The Report of the Council for the year was read by the Secretary, C. R. MARKHAM, Esq.

The following gentlemen were elected Fellows of the Society:— Edward G. Barr; Sir Edward Cunynghame, Bart.; Rev. R. J. Gould; Colonel E. Y. W. Henderson; Lord Kenlis; Charles Lanyon; R. Prance; F. W. Raikes; George Wilks.

Before proceeding to deliver the Gold Medals of the year, the
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PRESIDENT read to the Meeting the following official letter, which he had received from Lord Clarendon, Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, in reply to his petition urging upon the Government to grant aid to Dr. Livingstone. He was sure they would all unite with him in returning the grateful thanks of the Society to Lord Clarendon and Her Majesty's Government for the communication.

“ FOREIGN OFFICE, May 19, 1870.

“ SIR,—I have lost no time in submitting to my colleagues your observations upon the position in which Dr. Livingstone is placed in consequence of his want of money, and Her Majesty's Government have not failed to consider all you have urged in favour of a further grant to the distinguished traveller, *viz.*, that he has struggled without aid or communication with England for the last three years ; that, by the last accounts, he had reached a point from which he can neither advance nor retreat without supplies ; and that the money granted to him at his departure being exhausted, further funds are earnestly required to provide a fresh equipment, and the means of conveying it into the interior.

“ I have now great pleasure in informing you that Her Majesty's Government are prepared to authorise a grant of 1000*l.* on account of Dr. Livingstone's expedition, in the earnest hope that the sum may be the means of promoting his return in safety to this country.

“ I am, Sir, your most obedient humble Servant,

“ CLARENDON.”

Sir R. I. Murchison, Bart.

The PRESIDENT then delivered the Medals for the encouragement of Geographical Science and Discovery. The Founder's Medal to G. I. W. Hayward, for his journey across the Thian Shan to Yarkand and Kashgar, and for his Map of the route ; the Patron's Medal to Lieutenant Francis Garnier, of the French Navy, for the part he took in Captain De Lagrée's journey of exploration from Cambodia to the Yang-tsze-Kiang, and for the skill and success with which he brought the expedition home after the death of his leader. Major-General Sir H. C. Rawlinson received the medal on behalf of Mr. Hayward ; the Patron's Medal was received by Lieutenant Garnier in person.

The President next proceeded to deliver the Public Schools Medals to the successful competitors in the Geographical Examinations for the year conducted by the Society, first calling upon Mr. Francis Galton to explain to the meeting the results of the examinations for the present year.

Mr. GALTON said he had to announce that the Gold and Bronze Medals granted by the Council to the successful competitors in an examination confined to the chief Public Schools of the United Kingdom had this year been awarded as follows :—

PHYSICAL GEOGRAPHY—(Examiner, Alfred R. Wallace, Esq., F.R.G.S.):—
Gold Medal—George Grey Butler, Liverpool College ; *Bronze Medal*, Martin Stewart, Rossall School. *Honourably Mentioned*—William Hind, Cheltenham

College, and George Hughes, Liverpool Institute, equal ; Frederick Joseph Beckley, King's School, Sherborne ; Frederick William Hunt, University College School ; Robert Frederick Whittingham Shawe, Cheltenham College ; Ernest Chester Thomas, Manchester Grammar School. **POLITICAL GEOGRAPHY**—(Examiner, The Very Rev. the Dean of Chester) :—*Gold Medal*, George William Gent, Rossall School. *Bronze Medal*, James Henry Collins, Liverpool College. *Honourably Mentioned*—Edward Crabb, Manchester Grammar School ; William Grundy, Rossall School ; George Hogben, University School, Nottingham ; J. D. Murray, Clifton College ; Harold Bailey Dixon, Westminster School.

Mr. Galton said he had further to add that the schools invited to compete for the present year were 43 in number, and that of these 19 accepted the invitation ; the total number of boys competing being in Physical Geography 38, and in Political Geography 29. The examinations for next year (1871) would be held on the last Monday in March, the special subject being British North America, exclusive of the Arctic Regions.

The Medallists all received their medals from the hands of the President in person.

The annual Geographical Prize of 5*l.*, granted to the Society of Arts, to be awarded by them in their examinations, was afterwards presented to Mr. Critchett, of the Society of Arts, on behalf of the successful candidate, Mr. Thomas R. Clarke.

The medals and prizes having been presented, the President proceeded to read his Annual Address on the progress of geography ; on the conclusion of which Admiral Sir George Back proposed, and Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., seconded, a vote of thanks to Sir Roderick Murchison, for the learned and elaborate *résumé* of the geographical advances of the year which he had given.

Mr. THOMAS LEE pointed out a passage in the Society's Bye Laws, Chap. V., clause 3, to the effect that "No new regulation, nor alteration or repeal of any existing regulation, shall be made at such [anniversary] meeting, unless unanimously proposed by the Council," which appeared to him to be in contradiction to the terms of the Charter, which provide that all *Byelaws* should be made or altered by the Fellows at general meetings. On the arrangement entered into by Admiral Sir George Back to bring the subject before the Council, Mr. Lee did not propose any further action at the present meeting.

At the hour provided by the regulations, the Scrutineers announced the result of the Ballot, and the following were then declared elected as officers of the Society for the ensuing year, the names in *italics* being those of the new Councillors :—*President* : Sir Roderick Impey Murchison, Bart., K.C.B., F.R.S., &c. *Vice-Presidents* : Sir H.

Bartle Frere, K.C.B., G.C.S.I. ; Francis Galton, Esq., M.A., F.R.S. ; Major-General Sir Henry C. Rawlinson, K.C.B. ; Major-General Sir A. Scott Waugh, F.R.S. Trustees : Lord Houghton, F.R.S. ; Sir Walter C. Trevelyan, Bart. Secretaries : Clements R. Markham, Esq., F.S.A. ; R. H. Major, Esq., F.S.A. Foreign Secretary : Cyril C. Graham, Esq. Councillors : Admiral Sir George Back, D.C.L., F.R.S. ; Hon. George C. Brodrick ; George Campbell, Esq. ; Rear-Admiral R. Collinson, C.B. ; James Fergusson, Esq., D.C.L., F.R.S. ; A. G. Findlay, Esq. ; Lieut.-Colonel J. A. Grant, C.S.I. ; M. E. Grant-Duff, Esq., M.P. ; Vice-Admiral Sir W. H. Hall, K.C.B., F.R.S. ; Professor T. H. Huxley, F.R.S., &c. ; Rear-Admiral E. A. Inglefield, F.R.S. ; Captain Sir F. Leopold McClintock, R.N., F.R.S. ; Sir Charles Nicholson, Bart., D.C.L. ; John Rae, Esq., M.D. ; Admiral George H. Richards, R.N., F.R.S. ; Major-Gen. C. P. Rigby, C.B. ; Arthur J. E. Russell, Esq., M.P. ; S. W. Silver, Esq. ; Viscount Stratford de Redcliffe, K.G. ; His Grace the Duke of Wellington ; Charles White, Esq., J.P. Treasurer : Reginald T. Cocks, Esq.

The Meeting then adjourned.
